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After five and a half years at the University of Washington, I finally graduated with dual degrees in Aeronautics & Astronautics and Geology. Aside from airplanes hitting mountains, these subjects come together in space exploration, which just happens to be my favorite subject! Aside from academic pursuits, I have had some wonderful extracurricular experiences. I have been a teaching assistant and a resident advisor, worked in our seismology lab, during which we had the magnitude 6.8 Nisqually earthquake, and have been involved in numerous scientific research and engineering projects, including flying on NASA's Vomit Comet. I have been able to travel quite a bit with UW, from singing in Carnegie Hall to scooping up molten lava in Hawaii, and from presenting a paper in Albuquerque to hiking Canada's Athabasca Glacier. But last summer...last summer I went to Mars.

During the 2003 NASA Astrobiology Academy (NAABA2K3), I was very fortunate to work with Dr. Nathalie Cabrol and Dr. Edmond Grin where I searched for (and found) evidence of recent water activity on the surface of Mars. This was a really cool project because not only did I get to look at thousands of high-resolution images of the Martian surface, but just months later both Mars Exploration Rovers confirmed the past existence of liquid water on Mars. I hope to continue studying Mars in this capacity in grad school in a couple of years. But before then, I hope to work in Antarctica, become a park ranger, learn to mountaineer in Patagonia, and clean my room.

I love the outdoors! I run, scuba dive, bike, sail, kayak, and hike, rock climb, snowboard and ski, and am an astronaut going-to-be. I like shooting off rockets, flying RC aircraft, and throwing Frisbees and boomerangs around. I am a licensed amateur radio operator and a broke student pilot. I enjoy traveling, meeting new people, and inspiring the next generation of explorers.